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Whitby Urban District

REPORT

for the

Year 1959

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

B. SCHROEDER, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

and of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

AND CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
WHITBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

This is an old town. Many old towns look back to a single period of importance or of prosperity. But Whitby is different. From the days of St. Hilda on, it has had its quiet periods alternating with periods of activity and national importance.

It is sad that faith in the town's ability to rise to changing conditions is not expressed in the Council's recent housing record. In 1959 only seven new Council houses were completed to cope with a waiting list which stood at over 400 at the end of the year, and at that time, in round figures, one in ten of the town's families wanted the Council to house or re-house them.

The Town's water supply, in the hands of the Whitby Waterworks Company, stood up well to a long, dry spell. Nevertheless, the Company is threatened with enforced amalgamation.

The commercial trade of the harbour has shown a gratifying increase after its first appearance last year in the post 1939 annual reports.

Generally satisfactory figures may conceal an unpleasant truth and this is referred to in the section on Vital Statistics. As an example, in one ward of the town, in the period from September, 1955, to March, 1957, there were 79 babies born alive or dead ; only 67 of these are alive now.

I am,

Yours obediently,

B. SCHROEDER,

Medical Officer of Health.

District Health Office,

Grape Lane,

Whitby.

Tel. No. Whitby 520.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY, 1959.

Name.	Qualifications.	Office held.	Whole or part time.	Other Public Offices held.
B. SCHROEDER	M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health.	Whole.	Assistant County Medical Officer, N.R.C.C. Medical Officer of Health Whitby R.D.C.
H. EATOUGH	M.A.P.H.I.	Chief Public Health Inspector and Cleansing Superintendent.	Whole.	
R. CROSSLEY	Cert. S.I.B.	Public Health Inspector	Whole	Resigned March, 1959
W. HUNTER	Cert. S.I.B.	Public Health Inspector	Whole	Commenced Aug., 1959.

STATISTICS AND LOCAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Population—

Registrar-General's Estimate, mid-1959	11,510
Rateable Value at 31st March, 1960	£153,340
Sum represented by a Penny Rate—£617.	

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Male	Female	Total
Live Births—Legitimate	96	84	180
Illegitimate	3	5	8
	—	—	—
Totals	99	89	188
	—	—	—

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	16.3
Corrected Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population ...	17.3
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population, England and Wales	16.5

	Male	Female	Total
Still Births—Legitimate	4	—	4
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	—	—	—
Totals	4	—	4
	—	—	—

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	20.8
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births, England and Wales	20.7

Deaths of Infants under one year—

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	5	—	5
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	—	—	—
Totals	5	—	5
	—	—	—

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births	26.6
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births, England and Wales	22.0

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks old—

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	—	3
Illegitimate	—	—	—
	—	—	—
Totals	3	—	3
	—	—	—

Deaths of Infants under 1 week old—

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	—	1
Illegitimate	—	—	—
Totals	1	—	1

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths	86	91	177

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population	15.4
Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population...	10.9
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population, England and Wales	11.6

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1959.

According to the Registrar-General's Classification :—

	Male	Female	Total
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	3	5
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	2	6
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	3	3
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	6	10	16
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	1	1
Diabetes	1	—	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	15	21	36
Coronary disease, angina	16	4	20
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1	2
Other heart disease	23	28	51
Other circulatory disease	—	2	2
Influenza	1	—	1
Pneumonia	1	1	2
Bronchitis	2	2	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	4	—	4
Congenital malformations	2	—	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	2	4
Motor Vehicle accidents	—	—	—
All other accidents	2	5	7
Suicide	1	1	2
	86	91	177

TABLE OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS—MALES.

Cause of Death.	Under 4 wks.-									
	4 wks.	1 yr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74 75+
Infective and Parasitic diseases	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant neoplasm—stomach	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Malignant neoplasm—lung bronchus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	2
Diabetes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Vascular lesions of nervous system	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	11
Coronary disease, angina	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	5	5
Hypertension with heart disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Other heart disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	19
Influenza	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Congenital malformations	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Motor Vehicle accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All other accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Suicide	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Totals	3	2	—	—	—	—	4	13	20	44

TABLE OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS—FEMALES.

Cause of Death.	Under 4 wks.-									
	4 wks.	1 yr.	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74 75+
Infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Malignant neoplasm—stomach	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Malignant neoplasm—lung, bronchus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Malignant neoplasm—breast	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Malignant neoplasm—uterus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Vascular lesions of nervous system	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	13
Coronary disease, angina	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Hypertension with heart disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other heart disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23
Other circulatory disease	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All Other Accidents	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Suicide	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Totals	—	—	2	—	1	1	—	2	2	54

The above figures, compiled from local records, show 2 female deaths less than Registrar-General's figures.

COMMENT ON VITAL STATISTICS.

In this district there are small epidemics of stillbirths and infant deaths.

During the ten years, 1950-59, 49 stillbirths and 51 deaths under one year were registered in the town of Whitby.

In 1952, five stillbirths (the annual average) were notified between 22nd July and 6th September. There was an outbreak of paratyphoid fever in July. There had been mumps earlier in the year.

A table is given of occurrences in one ward of the town in 1956 with the adjacent 4 months of 1955 and of 1957 :

	Seven months, Sept., 1955- March, 1956.	Three months, April-June, 1956.	Ten months, July, 1956- April, 1957.	Twenty months, Total.
Still births and live births	37	12	30	79
Stillbirths	2	3	2	7
Children born in this period who died ...	2	2	1	5
Survivors	35	7	27	67

The loss of possible lives may be worse than it appears at first glance, for there were only thirteen live births and one stillbirth during the six months October, 1956-March, 1957, a birth rate, half the rate for autumn and winter, 1955-60.

In 1956 mumps swept across the town, starting on the East Side in January and finishing on the West Side in June.

RESULTS OF WATER SAMPLES.

During the year 5 water samples were taken, all of which were Class 1.

REPORT OF THE PORT MEDICAL OFFICER.

The Harbour Master has kindly given the following particulars :—

Vessels Using the Port During 1959.

Yachts and Private Craft	127
Dutch Fishing Vessels	44
Polish Fishing Vessels	29

Scottish Herring Fleet.—During the season a total of 29,318 crans were landed from 1,344 landings, valued at £90,983.

Local Fishing Fleet.—During the year 20,707 cwts of White Fish, Crabs and Lobsters were landed, valued at £113,261.

H.M. Ships berthed at Quay : “ Northumbria ” and “ Belton.”

Commercial Trade.

Ground Limestone to Scotland: 62 ships, totalling 32,799 tons.

Timber from the Baltic :

17th March, m.v. “ Gratia ”	105 standards
11th April, m.v. “ Fibelborg ”	110 standards
7th June, m.v. “ Vera ”	135 standards
8th July, m.v. “ Thule ” (German)	132 standards
11th August, m.v. “ Finlandia ”	130 standards
11th November, m.v. “ Renovatie ”	140 standards
31st December, m.v. “ Jorg Peter ” (German)	154 standards

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

(Other than Tuberculosis).

Infectious diseases were notified as follows :—

Scarlet Fever	13
Whooping Cough	2
Measles	46
Pneumonia	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	7
Erysipelas	3

TUBERCULOSIS, 1959.

During the year one case (a male) of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified. No case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis was notified.

No death from this cause was recorded during the year.

SUMMARY OF MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY AT WHITBY, 1959.

Group	Attendance.			Referred to the Chest Clinic.			
	Miniature Films	Large Films	Active P.P.P.T.	Inactive P.P.P.T.	Bronchial Carcinoma	Other Abnormalities	No Significant Abnormality
Hospital Management Committee—							
Nursing Staff	26	—	—	—	—	—	—
Others	29	1	—	—	—	—	1
Local Government—							
Nursing Staff	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Teachers	20	—	—	—	—	—	—
Others	48	—	—	—	—	—	—
Civil Servants and Nationalised Industries ..	62	1	—	—	—	—	1
Sundry Firms	133	1	—	—	—	—	1
PUBLIC SESSION	267	2	—	—	—	—	2
Whitby Total	590	5	—	—	—	—	5
Goathland :							
PUBLIC SESSION	88	4	—	—	—	2	2
Grand Total	678	9	—	—	—	2	7

HOSPITALS.

The Hospitals in Whitby are administered by the Scarborough, Bridlington, Malton and Whitby Group Hospital Management Committee :—

(1) **WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.**

A General Hospital with an Out-patient Department.

(2) **ST. HILDA'S HOSPITAL.**

Specially equipped for the care of the aged sick.

(3) **ESKDALE HOSPITAL.**

A General Hospital with a Maternity Ward.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Scarborough and Middlesbrough Infectious Diseases Hospitals are available for the admission of cases requiring isolation.

Special arrangements are made for cases of Poliomyelitis.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE AREA BY THE NORTH RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL.

Care of Mothers and Young Children.

The Child Welfare Centre and the Ante-Natal Clinic are held at Grape Lane, Whitby, each week, on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, respectively.

The Mount I.W.C. at Helredale is open on alternate Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m.

Sleights I.W.C., at Sleights Institute, is held on the third Monday of each month. Though situated in the Rural District area, mothers from the Briggswath area find it a convenient centre to attend.

When required, patients attending these Clinics may be referred to the following special clinics, also held at Grape Lane, Whitby :—

Orthopædic Clinic.

Artificial Sunlight Clinic.

Eye Clinic.

Dental Clinic.

Speech Therapy Clinic.

Midwifery.

The Whitby Urban District is served by one domiciliary midwife :—

Nurse W. Bretherick, 10b, Well Close Square (Tel. No. Whitby 963).

She is relieved on the West side by Nurse E. M. Garbutt, Lythe (Tel. No. Sandsend 273), and on the East side by Nurse M. Smith (Tel. No. Robin Hood's Bay 367).

Gas and Air Analgesia is available to any patient who desires it.

Health Visiting.

There are two Health Visitors for this district, and their first duty is the visiting of homes for the purpose of giving advice as to the care of young children. It is their duty to visit every home where there is a child below school age, so that the mother may be encouraged to discuss even the most trivial worry with the Health Visitor, who may then re-assure her or get her to seek expert advice.

In addition, they visit and advise expectant or nursing mothers, persons suffering from illness, including tuberculosis, and aged persons.

Home Nursing.

When called for by the family doctor, the District Nurse will attend persons who require nursing in their own homes. The Whitby Urban District is served on the West side by Nurse E. M. Garbutt (Tel. No. Sandsend 273) and on the East side by Nurse M. Smith (Tel. No. Robin Hood's Bay 367).

Vaccination and Immunisation.

During the year under review the numbers dealt with in the combined area, Whitby Urban and Rural districts, were as follows :—

	Immunisations		Smallpox Vaccinations		Whooping Cough Immunisations
	Primary	Refresher	Primary	Re-Vaccinations	Primary
Under 5 years	133	4	161	—	111
5—14 years ...	19	30	2	—	9
Over 15 years	—	—	11	7	—

The total numbers of children immunised at any time up to 31st December, 1959, were as follows :—

Under 5 years	644
5—14 years	2,348

At 31st December, 1959, 2,883 persons had received three injections of poliomyelitis vaccine since the inception of the scheme.

Ambulance Service.

One large ambulance and two light ambulances (utilicons) are now housed in a garage off Stakesby Road, Whitby.

Occasionally Miss Bruce and her helpers in the Hospital Car Service have helped the ambulance service, and assistance has also been given by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Domestic Help Service.

Helps are provided when necessary, and 35 cases in the Urban District received assistance during 1959.

Payment for the service of a domestic help depends on income and necessary expenses, and varies from a possible full rate of 3s. 0d. an hour to a free service.

Mental Health Services.

The Mental Health Services are administered direct by the County Council. The Duly Authorised Officer for the area is Mr. G. V. Lee, District Welfare Officer, Grape Lane, Whitby. Tel. No. Whitby 235.

Prevention of Illness, Care and After-Care.

An active Voluntary Care Committee serves the needs of the area, its chief functions being to provide extra nourishment, clothing, bedding, medical comforts, nursing equipment, etc., and to do everything possible for the welfare of persons suffering from tuberculosis and other illnesses.

The Secretary of the Care Committee, Mr. K. Birdsall, has kindly prepared the following extract from his Annual Report :—

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Tuberculosis.

Two patients received extra nourishment, consisting of 29 tins Horlicks and 26 jars Bovril.

Extra meat, milk, butter and eggs provided for family during school holidays, when three children would miss free meals and milk.

Travelling expenses paid to husband of patient in sanatorium—two occasions.

One pair Wellingtons supplied for a patient's child.

Christmas gifts of £1 postal orders to nine patients.

Produce from two village churches' harvest festivals shared between families of two patients.

Other Illnesses.

Shoes provided for child suffering from after-effects of poliomyelitis—four pairs, odd sizes.

Bedding supplied in two cases.

Extra nourishment provided for child after operation—eggs, milk, Horlicks and Bovril, for eight weeks.

Equipment Loaned Out.

Dunlopillo Mattresses	8
Bed Cradles	6
Bed Rests	6
Rubber Sheets	22
Wheel-Chairs	7
Air Rings	3
Feeding Cups	6
Bed Blocks	2
Bed Pans, etc.	22

Meals Service.

The W.V.S. "Meals on Wheels" service, so capably organised by Miss E. F. Bruce, has been working to capacity, and distributed 2,501 meals during the year.

Laundry Service.

The Hospital Laundry Service has kindly dealt with laundry from five domiciliary patients. This has been a boon in cases where, because of incontinence, quick changes of bedding have been required. Laundry taken to the hospital laundry one day is available first thing the following morning.

Chiropody Service.

133 patients have received treatment on 1,054 occasions, including 64 home treatments. Present arrangements comprise individual appointments at Mr. Ellison's surgery, and sessional visits to the Grape Lane Centre by Mrs. Baxter."

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The Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
St. Hilda's Terrace,
Whitby,

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
WHITBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit for your consideration an Annual Report of the work in my Department during 1959. It has been a difficult year due to staff shortage; Mr. Crossley, who left early March, could not be replaced until August.

Perhaps the most important happening is the long-awaited Government Policy in regard to slaughtering. The throughput of the Abattoir continues to increase, and now proper and permanent arrangements can be made to place this business on a sound footing.

Due to the policy of filling vacant sites within the town centre, building of houses has proceeded only slowly. However there are signs of being able to open up a new Estate in the near future, which will allow the Slum Clearance Scheme to proceed.

The Bill which is before Parliament at the present time bringing tidal waters within the powers of the River Pollution Authorities may, if approved, have repercussions in this District.

Again it is a privilege and a pleasure to record my thanks to the members of the Council and the Staff, without whose help and advice a difficult year would have been almost intolerable.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Members,

Your obedient Servant,

H. EATOUGH,

Public Health Inspector.

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS.

Housing :

Slum Clearance Re-Housing	17
Slum Clearance	140
Improvement Grants	117
Assessment	140
Rent Act	11
Miscellaneous	42

Food :

Meat Inspection	604
Unsound Food	36
Premises	153

Public Cleansing :

Refuse Collection	45
Refuse Disposal	52
Conveniences	46
General Nuisances	190
Sewers and Drains	138
Rodent Control	37
Factories	9
Camping Sites	16
Smoke Complaints	5
Old Persons	13
Dirty Houses	4
Petroleum Regulations	12
Public Baths	12
Pet Shops	12
Cinemas	6
Miscellaneous	46

Following the usual practice of the Department only one "visit" is recorded for each premises inspected irrespective of any other work carried out at the same time.

During the year 48 evening meetings were attended, occupying 70 hours.

WATER SUPPLY.

Control over the supply and distribution remains in the capable hands of the Whitby Waterworks Company, though it would seem that amalgamation is to be forced upon them in the near future. It is to be hoped that the close personal touch and co-operation which has always

been enjoyed between the Company and the Health Department will not be lost in the maw of a much larger organisation.

1959, with its low rainfall, brought restrictions on the use of water, but only for one week, the response to a request to economise in the use of water was so successful that a dangerous situation was immediately overcome.

No complaints of quality or quantity have been necessary, and regular sampling by this Department and the Company ensure a pure water supply.

No major schemes of water mains extension have taken place in the Area.

SEWERS AND DRAINS.

Another year has passed without any serious attempt having been made to remedy the unsatisfactory condition of the principal sewers of the town. It is regrettable to me that the Council should be contemplating spending over £10,000 on improving Public Lighting when no consideration has yet been given to Mr. J. R. Seward's admirable report on the deficiencies of the Council sewers.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

Sewage pollution of the Esk is negligible in non-tidal waters and there are no other forms of pollution.

From Ruswarp Dam where the river is tidal is another story, gross pollution by sewage takes place at many points and is not entirely cleared by tidal action. The fact that no serious incident has yet occurred as a result of this pollution does not mean that a complacent attitude can be adopted, and action as outlined in the preceding paragraph is very necessary.

The Bill before Parliament at the present time should do much to clear this unsatisfactory position.

SHOPS.

Follow up action has not been possible on the survey of shops carried out last year, but it is believed that most of the contraventions then found have been remedied.

CAMPING SITES.

Four licensed sites accommodate 83 caravans. The sites are generally well conducted, and compliance with the Council's Regulations observed as well as possible. It is expected that application for a further site will be forthcoming shortly, also an extension to an existing site.

These should help towards satisfying the terrific demand for Sites, though there is still plenty of scope for the Council to enter into this lucrative field by providing a model site.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

There are no Offensive Trades registered in the Area.

SWIMMING POOL.

An Open Air Swimming Pool is available at Happy Valley.

The Pool is 120 feet by 45 feet, varying in depth from 3 feet 9 inches to 9 feet 3 inches, and has a capacity of 200,390 gallons. The water feed is from Town's Mains and the Pool is emptied to waste and refilled once each year.

Filtration is by means of an 11 feet by 9 feet Simplex M.S. Elliptical Filter with circulating pump and motor, throughput being once in 10 hours.

Aeration is by means of a cascade at the Pool inlet.

Purification by a Wallace and Tiernan injecting Chlorination Plant with a maximum capacity of 100 lbs. each 24 hours proves very efficient.

Soda and Alumina are added as required.

Male and Female changing cubicles are available and there is seating accommodation for spectators. Toilet accommodation is available, but rather restricted when busy.

There are ample grounds for sunbathing and a Cafe serves light snacks, etc.

Much use of the Pool was made last Season due to the wonderful weather and it is gratifying to Report that because of excellent management the Pool and its surroundings were kept in good condition.

Frequent examinations of the water showed adequate chlorination and it was felt there was no need for bacterial examinations.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

The decision to build a new convenience on the Sports Ground to replace the outdated Zig-Zag Conveniences and to remodel and extend Khyber Pass is very pleasing to report and if the suggestions to tile the walls of some existing conveniences is acted upon, Public Conveniences in the town will be well catered for.

Fish Quay and Church Street conveniences have not yet been replaced.

FACTORIES.

Factories in this Area are in the great majority small and employing only a few people.

Regular visits are paid to most premises, but in the main the factories are engaged in a business which is of prior interest to the department and a "Factory Visit" is not recorded.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

It has not been found necessary to take statutory action or timed observations during the year.

The problem of smoke in this town is so slight as to warrant very little action.

The introduction of Diesel trains is a great improvement.

VERMIN INFESTATION.

Seven years have now passed since bed-bugs have been seen in this Area and the complaints of other insects are continually on the decline.

Modern insecticides being effective, cheap and easily obtainable, more and more people deal effectively with their own problems and it is only in the difficult or unusual occurrences where the help and assistance of the Department is required.

RODENT CONTROL.

The part-time operator has dealt with 65 complaints, involving over 200 visits. No major infestations have been encountered and the practice of regular treatments of Harbour and surrounding buildings does much to keep the rat population down. Mice remain fairly prevalent and are difficult to deal with, but gradual reduction of old houses and derelict property does much to solve this problem.

HOUSING.

Again it has been a year of slow progress in Slum Clearance, which is disappointing, as there are many people still living under very poor conditions which can only be improved by demolition and re-housing.

In addition, the need for "General Need" houses continues to be unsatisfied. The application list standing at 405 local applicants at the end of the year proves that much more house building will have to take place before the needs of local residents are supplied.

Seven new houses only were completed by the Council and 24 by Private Enterprise.

Twenty-Six applications for Improvement Grants were dealt with, 24 were approved, and 2 withdrawn.

In addition, many enquiries were received about the scheme of Improvement Grants.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Regular weekly collections of Household Refuse have been maintained and quite a number of business people take advantage of the additional collection service at £1 1s. 0d. per annum. Further to this is a collection of bulky articles and paper from shops, which takes place twice per week.

With more packaging material being used and the increasing efficiency of firegrates, the change in refuse is remarkable, it becoming bulkier and lighter constantly. Due to our very efficient Disposal Plant, we have no disposal problem, but in Local Authorities where tipping takes place it must be difficult to secure adequate compaction of such light material.

Two important changes are beginning to take shape in this work, they are, the composting of household refuse with sewage sludge to make a fertiliser and the use of paper bags in place of dustbins for storing household refuse thereby obviating expensive purpose made vehicles and providing a completely dustless method of collection.

A total of 2,346 loads of refuse were dealt with at the Plant during the year, 1,683 by our vehicles and 345 by private individuals, 168 by the Rural District vehicles and 102 by local tradespeople. 54 loads were dealt with at Mickleby Tip in the Rural Area during a temporary closure of the Plant.

SALVAGE.

A steady demand for all uprisings of Salvage has been maintained, the only variable feature being Baled Tins which still continues so.

The sales of Salvage for 1959 were as follows :—

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	£	s.	d.
Cinders	56	9	2	53	7	0
Bones	2	7	2	24	5	6
Clinker	348	10	2	58	17	6
Screenings	382	10	0	67	9	3
Baled Tins	147	8	3	938	11	3
Textiles		12		14	14	3
Paper	89	2	3	668	10	7
Scrap Metal	33	18	1	140	13	2
Non-Ferrous Metals		5	2	52	4	6
Bottles and Jars		288	dozen	9	10	2
Miscellaneous				3	3	6
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MEAT INSPECTION.

The number of animals slaughtered at Stakesby Abattoir continues to increase, 20,713 animals against 18,046, an increase of 2,667. It is pleasing to note that in the foreseeable future extensions and additions to bring the premises up to standard will be made and both slaughtering and inspection will be carried out under much better conditions.

All animals slaughtered were inspected, but again only by inroads into private time. 604 visits were made to the Abattoir for the purpose of inspecting meat, involving 325 hours overtime on evenings, 50 Saturday evenings, 25 Sundays and 3 Bank Holidays.

33,555 lbs. of meat was diseased, all of which was surrendered for destruction.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
No. killed (if known)	1,861	442	516	10,725	7,169	—
No. Inspected	1,861	442	516	10,725	7,169	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :						
Whole Carcases Con- demned	3	9	9	51	5	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	547	50	6	665	785	—
Percentage of the No. inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerci	29.55	13.35	2.91	6.67	11.02	—
Tuberculosis only :						
Whole carcasses con- demned	3	3	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	79	28	—	—	154	—
Percentage of the No inspected affected with Tuberculosis ..	4.41	7.01	—	—	2.14	—
Cysticercosis :						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	16	1	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—	—

OTHER FOODS.

Food Hygiene work is carried out as routine and constant care and attention is given to this important subject. Slowly but surely improvements are taking place, new premises are arising, and old ones re-conditioned, and always more accent is being placed on Hygiene by owners. Our advice is constantly sought and accepted. There is still a long way to go before satisfaction is obtained, if ever this can be achieved.

Education is playing its part by television, newspapers and posters and in time a body of food handlers will arise to whom personal and food hygiene will be second nature.

The following table lists food premises in their various categories, but excludes hotels and boarding-houses.

1. Cafes and Snack Bars	24
2. Cafes/confectioners' shops	2
3. Cafes/confectioners' Shops Bakehouses	1
4. Bakehouses	1
5. Bakehouses/confectioners' Shops	5
6. Confectioners' Shops	3
7. Fish and Chip Shops	6
8. Fish and Chip Shops/Cafes	7
9. Butchers' Shops	16
10. Greengrocers' Shops	14
11. Grocers and General Mixed Shops	48
12. Grocers/Dairies	3
13. Kipper Curing	2
14. Preparing of Shell Fish	1
15. Manufacture of Ice Cream	1
16. Manufacture of Mineral Waters	1
17. Sweet Shops	28
18. Wet Fish Shops	4
19. Flour Milling	1
20. Dairies	1
21. School and Hospital Kitchens	9
22. Off-Licence Shops	3

Total	181
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ICE CREAM REGISTRATIONS.

Manufacture, storage and sale	3
Storage and sale only	63

Only three persons are at present manufacturing and several are not selling.

UN SOUND FOOD.

During the year the following items of food were surrendered and disposed of as unfit for human consumption :—

Canned Meat	87 cans, totalling 303 lbs. 3ozs.
Canned Milk	45 cans
Canned Cream	5 cans
Canned Fish	7 cans
Canned Fruit	102 cans
Canned Vegetables	118 cans
Miscellaneous	10 cans

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

32 lbs. Bacon.
 56 lbs. Beef.
 $7\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. Cooked Ham.
 3 Chickens ($3\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. each approx.).
 66 lbs. Pork Trimmings.

